



Supervisor

Mark Ridley-Thomas

Los Angeles County • Second District

Empowerment Opportunities

Free H1N1 Vaccine Clinic

Friday, November 20 and Saturday, November 21
9:00am—5:00pm
Hollywood Park
1050 S. Prairie Ave.
Inglewood, CA 90301

Free H1N1 Vaccine Clinic

Saturday, November 21 and Sunday, November 22
9:00am—5:00pm
Harvard Recreation Center
1535 W. 62nd St.
Los Angeles, CA 90047

Free H1N1 Vaccine Clinic

Saturday, November 21 and Sunday, November 22
9:00am—5:00pm
MacArthur Park
2230 W. 6th St.
Los Angeles, CA 90057

Martin Luther King, Jr. Medical Center Campus Public Information Meeting

Wednesday, December 2
5:30pm—9:30pm
Martin Luther King, Jr. Medical Center, Claude H. Hudson Auditorium
12021 Wilmington Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90059

Crenshaw/LAX Corridor Light Rail Transit Line Full Board Vote

Thursday, December 10
9:30am
Metro Board Room—Level 3
1 Gateway Plaza
Los Angeles, CA 90012

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UC REGENTS POISED TO APPROVE MLK HOSPITAL AGREEMENT WITH LA COUNTY

The governing body of the University of California (UC), known as the Regents, is slated to approve an agreement with Los Angeles County, to create a partnership with UC to open a new Martin Luther King, Jr. Hospital in South Los Angeles. The agreement would provide public funding for the hospital facility, with UC providing physicians to staff the state-

of-the-art medical facility.

The Regents' approval of the agreement culminates over eighteen months of discussion with UC about the partnership, which would restore quality medical services to the South Los Angeles community. The community has lacked in-patient hospital beds since the MLK Hospital closure in August 2007.

As a result of the hospital's

closure, residents in the immediate care range of the medical facility are forced to travel miles to receive hospital medical care. Supporters of the new MLK Hospital agree that the absence of the hospital has cost lives, and that the opening of new facilities in the location is necessary to preserve the vitality of the community.

PHARMACEUTICAL BILLIONAIRE OFFERS \$100 MILLION GUARANTY TO AID IN MLK HOSPITAL PROJECT

Los Angeles pharmaceutical billionaire and MLK Hospital supporter, Patrick Soon-Shiong, offered a \$100 million guaranty last month to aid in funding the Martin Luther King, Jr. Hospital project. This offer comes after the County Chief Executive Officer, William T Fujioka testified that the County would obtain a \$100 million line of credit as an added layer of protection against funding pitfalls.

The funding from Soon-Shiong's family foundation comes "with no strings attached" and is intended to reassure university officials hesitant to reopen the hospital.

Soon-Shiong's recent commitment has provided new levels of financial security to the County's most recent attempt to restore services to



Picture courtesy of The Los Angeles Times

Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas stands in front of the present Martin Luther King, Jr. Hospital building with key donor, Patrick Soon-Shiong.

the underserved South Los Angeles communities of Watts and Willowbrook. The opening of the new MLK Hospital is Supervisor Ridley-Thomas' top priority.

He has worked to solidify details of the County partnership agreement since his first official day in office, when he introduced a mo-

For more information on MLK progress, visit http://ridley-thomas.lacounty.gov/Pages/Issues/mlk_hospital.htm

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Los Angeles, CA 90001
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323-277-9824 (fax)



Inglewood Courthouse

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Room 620
Inglewood, CA 90301
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310-674-6134 (fax)



Willowbrook Senior Center

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Los Angeles, CA 90061
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310-808-1184 (fax)



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BOARD APPROVES RIDLEY-THOMAS MOTION TO EXPEDITE NEW DESIGN SERVICES AGREEMENT

On a motion by Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas on November 3, the Board of Supervisors awarded a new contract to expedite design services for the Martin Luther King Jr. Medical Center Inpatient Tower Renovation Project and Multiservice Ambulatory Care Center.

The action was consistent with the Board's previous direction to the Department of Public Works to preserve the County's eligibility for \$56 million in federal stimulus funds. It gives the County an extra month to aggressively seek the funds.

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This Board action paves the way for the County to move forward with complete design services -- including preparation of plans and specifications -- for the Inpatient Tower Renovation Project and scoping documents for the Multiservice Ambulatory Care Center/Ancillary Building Project.

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SPOTLIGHT:

MLK MEDICAL CENTER CAMPUS PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

Join Los Angeles County Second District Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas for a public information meeting about the proposed plans to develop a new state-of-the-art Martin Luther King, Jr. Medical Center Campus. The proposed project will revitalize the site of the existing hospital and bring much-needed medical services to the Second District and the County of Los Angeles.

Wednesday, December 2, 2009

5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Martin Luther King Jr. Medical Center

**Claude Hudson Auditorium
12021 Wilmington Avenue
Los Angeles, California 90059**

Project staff will be available to answer questions about the proposed project on topics including design, land-use, sustainability, and other impacts to be examined during the environmental review process.

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THE OPENING OF A NEW MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOSPITAL

CHRONOLOGY

Tuesday December 2, 2008	On his first full day on the job, the Board of Supervisors approves a motion by newly-sworn-in Second District Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas directing the County's Chief Executive Office to develop a detailed plan to make the Martin Luther King Medical Center seismically compliant. This act followed the Supervisor's first public announcement on efforts to "jump start" the process of restoring full hospital and emergency room services to the area during a visit to the Willowbrook facility.	Tuesday May 5, 2009	Supervisor Ridley-Thomas and his Board colleagues travel to Washington D.C. where they spend two days meeting with Labor Secretary Hilda Solis, Sens. Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer, and Reps. Lucille Roybal-Allard, Maxine Waters, Henry Waxman, Xavier Becerra and Jane Harman to seek critically-needed dollars for Los Angeles County, and discussing the opening of a new Martin Luther King, Jr. Hospital, health care reform legislation and health care workforce training programs.
Tuesday January 13, 2009	Supervisor Ridley-Thomas appoints Yolanda C. Vera to serve as Senior Deputy for healthcare services and advocacy for the Second District team. She begins working closely with a team to improve healthcare, public health and mental health services in the Second Supervisorial District.	Thursday June 4, 2009	The Urban Land Institute Technical Advisory Panel, chaired by Michael Banner, reviews the results of its one-day intensive review of the 38 acre MLK Medical Center site and adjacent land use patterns, recommending that the property north of the Medical Center be considered for more intensive and strategic development building on the pre-existing education and research and commercial and residential uses. ULI also recommends that the County develop a master plan for the Medical Center campus.
Tuesday February 17, 2009	President Barack Obama signs the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), more commonly called "the stimulus", into law. The federal legislation contains extremely favorable bond financing mechanisms that will permit local governments, including the County of Los Angeles, to invest in its capital construction program.	Saturday August 1, 2009	377 registered participants pack the King-Drew Medical Magnet High School Lecture Hall for two and half hours to hear Supervisor Ridley-Thomas, County CEO Fujioka, the Urban Land Institute's Michael Banner, South LA Healthcare Options Task Force member Dr. Hector Flores, discuss the efforts to restore in-patient services at the MLK Medical Center site and other catalytic initiatives aimed at changing health care delivery in South L.A. and the County as a whole.
Wednesday March 11, 2009	On the Supervisor's hundredth day in office, the Board announces that the County has reached agreement with the University of California (UC) and State of California on a framework that would lead to the eventual opening of a new Martin Luther King, Jr. Hospital as a private, non-profit facility with 120-beds by late 2012, with physician services provided by University of California doctors. This announcement reflects the progress made in the eight months since the Board directed L.A. County CEO William T Fujioka to enter into discussions and negotiations with UC system and state officials to pursue the possibility of creating a new hospital that would serve residents of South Los Angeles.	Tuesday August 18, 2009	In front of a packed room, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approves the capital funding plan for the new MLK Hospital project, allowing the County to move forward with negotiations with the UC Regents to solidify a partnership wherein UC physicians would staff the new medical facility.
Tuesday March 17, 2009	Supervisor Ridley-Thomas announces that the Urban Land Institute (ULI), an international organization of professionals spanning a range of land use disciplines, will assemble nationally-recognized experts in a one-day intensive workshop to brainstorm ideas on developing the 38 acre MLK Medical Center site.	Tuesday September 15, 2009	The Board of Supervisors approves a motion by Supervisor Ridley-Thomas to begin an expeditious Environmental Impact Report (EIR) process to ensure timely issuance of ARRA funds, which must be delivered no later than December 31, 2010.
Wednesday March 18, 2009	Supervisor Ridley-Thomas writes a letter to the Chair of the UC Board of Regents Committee on Health Services, Sherry Lansing, expressing appreciation and pledging his personal commitment toward the goal of opening a "new, 120 bed hospital that delivers the highest quality patient care and reinforces a badly frayed safety net." In his two-page letter to Sherry Lansing, the Supervisor stressed that the matter of health care in L.A. County is "urgent."	Thursday September 17, 2009	Supervisor Ridley-Thomas and several community leaders travel to San Francisco to urge the UC Regents to vote favorably for the partnership agreement with LA County for the MLK Hospital, touting a \$100 million line of credit as an extra layer of protection against funding pitfalls.
Tuesday April 7, 2009	The Board approves Supervisor Ridley-Thomas' request to direct County officials to conduct a feasibility study to create a countywide pilot program to develop a cost-effective and electronically secure exchange of patient medical records.	Thursday October 29, 2009	Supporter Patrick Soon-Shiong pledges \$100 million to support the opening of the new MLK Hospital, providing the UC Regents with another funding security measure in the weeks leading up to the meeting where UC Regents are scheduled to vote on the agreement.
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